

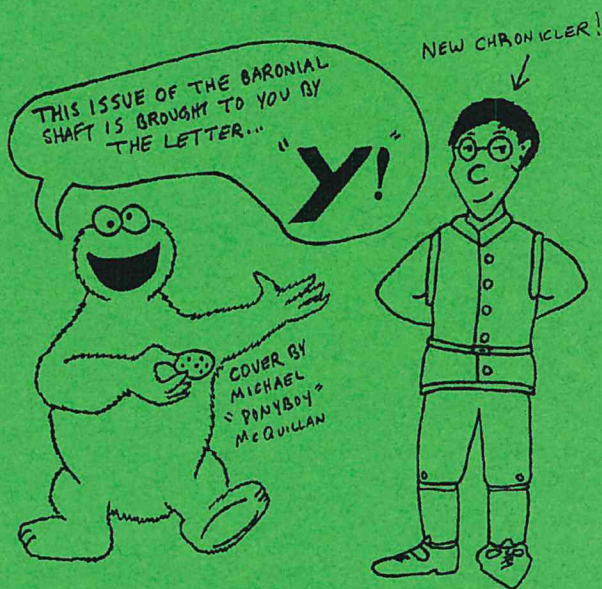


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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

|    |                                                             |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8  | CEARTHEAN TWELFTH NIGHT <i>Cearthe</i> ❖                    |
| 15 | CITADEL TWELFTH NIGHT <i>Citadel of the Southern Pass</i> ○ |
| 22 | SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE <i>St. Gollas</i> ○                   |
| 29 | DRAGONSPINE CANDLEMASS <i>Dragonspine</i> ❖                 |

### FEBRUARY

|       |                                            |
|-------|--------------------------------------------|
| 5     | WINTERWOLF <i>Blaidwyn</i> ○               |
| 16-21 | ESTRELLA WAR <i>Kingdom of Atenveldt</i> ○ |

### MARCH

❖ attendance by His Excellency   ❖ attendance by Her Excellency   ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

## FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings to the populace,

What a wonderful couple of months it has been. The displays and activities at A Day of A&S were interesting and lots of fun was had (everyone keep your eyes peeled for the sneaky Dark Grey Don and that Off-White character). Congratulations to Lady Emery de Pittun on becoming our Champion for the Arts and Sciences! Huzzah for everyone that entered from around the south and around the corner. And the Sunday following was a *reasonably* successful Toys-4-Tots event... Your incredible generosity **shattered** the al-Barran record by gathering over 2,600 toys! (The Marines even had to go get a bigger truck.) And, thanks to the generosity of the Scorpions Hockey team and their fans, we have an additional \$1,000 to buy even more. Congratulations to Lord Morgan and Lady Jayne Barber for a great event and to Lord Brian macc Faelain (heavy) and Lord Michael McQuillan (light) on becoming our Champions for the Children. Her Excellency had a great time in Bonwick, traveling with friends and renewing old ties. We look forward to doing more with our neighbors to the East. And to cap off December, we had a fantastic Midwinter. Huzzah for Conner (autocrat), Caelte (feastocrat), and crew for a great event. Fun, music, shopping, singing, dancing, fun, food, friends, fighting, fun... Wow! The largess presented to Their Royal Majesties and ourselves took extra vehicles to get home. It was great seeing friends here (even the Atenveldters :) ) and showcasing what it means to be al-Barran, amazing event, thank you everybody.

And there is still more feast and fun to be had this season... 12th Night in Caerthe (Jan 8th) and **War Practice**, 12th Night in Citadel (Jan 12th) and **War Practice**, Candlemas in Dragonspine (Jan 29th) and **War Practice**, and of course **War Practice** at St. Golias (Jan 22nd) is a never miss event. These are all opportunities to enjoy the hospitality of our neighbors and work with the army to prepare for Estrella, so get out and enjoy!

Going to Estrella? Of course you are, so if you have more than 10 people or 4 tents in your household, contact His Excellency to assure you get space in the Baronial camp. Happenings in camp this year will include the Outlands Bardic in addition to Guido Court and Baronial Stew on Saturday night. If you wish to earn your Guido or Cordon Scorpion, now is the time to submit your petition. You must train with the Barony at Estrella... **all Guido bearers will present themselves under the Guido Banner on the field Sunday for the castle battles.** Check out the scenarios, new site rules, and lots of important information at [www.estrellawar.org](http://www.estrellawar.org). Get there early to compete in the Outlands Tourney and enjoy the Outlands Party on Thursday. We look forward to an overwhelming al-Barranian presence at Estrella on all fields; heavy, rapier, archery, arts, and, of course, the party point will be ours!

Join us in welcoming our new Baronial Hospitaller, THL Dian of Llanberris, and Chronicler, Lord Y Port Lairge. And for our outgoing officers, Duchess Elisheva who jumped in to help and to Lady Kathws, whose tireless efforts and dedication have kept us all in the know... Huzzah! Thank you also to everyone that has volunteered to be a deputy officer,

*(Continued from page 5)*

your help is invaluable in keeping us all going! We introduced our officers to the populace at Midwinter so you would know who does the work that allows us to have such a great time. Please, thank you when you see them, and if you are interested in any of the things they do, just ask.

Especially during this very busy time of year when everyone already has so much to do for so many of their own, it has been awe inspiring to behold the generosity of our populace, giving of yourselves, your time, and your resources to others in need; from having a smile and kind words for our newcomers, to helping THOUSANDS of children have a happier holiday, and giving so much for one of our own going through a tough time. To all of you... Thank you and Huzzah!

Sincerely,

*Ryan*

*Tana*

### FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings,

I would like to say thank you to all the fine gentles that made al-Barran Midwinter such a huge success. This was truly a magical event, and the work of many hands was needed to make such an endeavor possible. Everything was magnificent including war practice on Sunday.

And speaking of War!!!! The Barony needs YOU!!!! If you are planning on attending War please let Their Excellencies know of your space needs for your camp. It is Their wish and mine that we all camp together as a Barony this year. If we all commit to this, then we can get a very sizeable piece of land at the park. Also, if you volunteer at Estrella let the volunteer coordinator know, so that we can be reimbursed for the hours we all work. Don't forget that His Excellency will be sitting vigil, and being elevated to the rank of Master of the Pelican at War. A heart-felt congratulations to H.E. Ryan for his tireless service. Finally, plan to have the most grand time of the year at this event.

In conclusion I want to welcome our new autocrat for Grand Outlandish 32... Sir Jochen, veteran of many an event and a fine gentleman to boot. THL Cristobal needed to step back for mundane reasons, but will continue to help. His experience with this event is extensive. Thank you for all your work!!!

Plans for Grand Outlandish are currently being made and volunteers being sought. If you have an interest in volunteering for an activity your help will be greatly appreciated. Let any of the coordinators or officers know, and you will be pointed in the right direction.

Yours in Service

*Master James David de Argentias*

## FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Greetings,

Nothing new is happening for a while, just feasting season and WAR. So if anyone needs help with court garb for the season let me know and I'll either help out myself or direct you to someone handier with a needle. As for WAR many of the entries in our own Baronial A&S fall within the WAR categories. Mistress Monika von Zell has offered to help with and review documentation for both WAR and Kingdom A&S. Here are the exact spots off the war website for class information, special events, and competition information and period demonstrations. This year A&S is worth more than ever before. Arts and Science is actually worth 3 points this year, not the traditional 1 so let's really make a difference this year. I will be available to transport and set up entries this year.

[http://www.estrellawar.org/a\\_and\\_s-collegium.html](http://www.estrellawar.org/a_and_s-collegium.html)

[http://www.estrellawar.org/a\\_and\\_s-comp.html](http://www.estrellawar.org/a_and_s-comp.html)

<http://www.estrellawar.org/perioddemo.html>

<http://www.estrellawar.org/classdesc.html>

<http://www.estrellawar.org/classschedule.html>

<http://www.estrellawar.org/specialevents.html>

Coming up in Arts:

Regular Activities:

Gammer Gurton's Needle-Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject

Singing with Tancred-Thursdays 6:30 268-4994

Armor workshops with Master Tore-Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694

Weaving Knowledge & Exchange with Lady Monika the Fair-

3rd Friday of the month 323-5569

Court Dancing-moved indoors for cold weather-12:30-2:30 Monte Vista

Christian Church (3501 Campus Blvd) Lady Barbara 293-7453

Scorpions Scales (music group)-Thursdays 7:30 265-0161 Lady Melody

Thanks everyone

*THQ A'sha*



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## FROM THE WEBMISTRESS

Greetings unto all,

Hostings.com (where our website is located) upped our storage space from 100Megabytes to 200Megabytes free of charge and without us asking.

The following are the statistics from the al-Barran website for the month of November:

|                   |        |                       |     |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----|
| Overall accesses  | 49,700 | Midwinter             | 415 |
| Overall visits    | 3,665  | A&S and Toys for Tots | 361 |
| Homepage accesses | 912    | Homepage visits       | 443 |

I added two new events to the Gallery page: Champions of al-Barran and Queen's Prize. I will be setting up the website for Outlandish soon. I hope this finds you well, and Happy Holidays

*Lady Melody*

## FROM THE WATERBEARER

As War gets even closer, I will be needing more help. I still need bottles, as many bottles as I can get. I also still need squirt bottle caps. Thank you to everyone who has so far donated. I also will be out at fighter practice on Sundays till War, and I do need some fruit donated to help keep the fighters and all those hungry children on their feet. Please contact me if you want to help. Also, I will be using this time to train anyone who wants to waterbear (it's fun, come on) and looking for volunteers to work everywhere at War.

Thank you again,

*Corelle de Seynilegger*

## FROM THE INCOMING CHRONICLER

Greetings unto all,

First and foremost, I hope your holidays were festive and that the New Year came swiftly and with great beginnings. Okay, good, that's over with. Now, on with the show. I'd like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Lord Michael for his cover for this month's newsletter and to all those who suggested it, or something like it, to him. I hope you all enjoy it as much as I did.

I am putting out the call for new artwork for the Shaft files. Especially filler art. This is the Barony's newsletter, I'd like to be able to fill it with the works of the populace. I can always go out and find things in books and online, but I'd really like to be able to showcase us instead.

Articles are always a good thing too. Please, if you have a topic you're interested in and you've done some research on it, send me an article on it. The only thing I ask is that you don't send a 6 page report on something, try and keep it to a single page so that I can get it into the newsletter.

If you are interested in providing artwork or articles please let me know so that I can get you a publication release form so I can use it.

*Lord Y Port Lainge*

## FROM THE SCORPION PURSUIVANT

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

I neglected to submit a report to the Shaft last month. My apologies for the oversight. I will try to be more consistent in the future.

The following awards were given to citizens of al-Barran during the final court of Giovanni and Cainlleach on November 13th, 2004:

Flower — Diana of Llanberris  
Silver Lance — Jochen von Balduinseck  
Stag's Heart — Amanda Murray  
Russian Thistle of al-Barran — Alia Marie de Blois  
Award of Arms — Natasha MacDuff  
Augmentation of Arms — College of Blaiddwyn  
Cordon Royal — Emma of Essex  
Cordon Royal — Melchior auf die Missen  
Cordon Royal — Gauvain Eisenbein  
Promise of the Outlands — Wolfgang MacDuff  
Queen's Cypher — CEngus O'Faelan  
Queen's Cypher — Violetta Bellafiori  
Queen's Cypher — Emma of Essex  
Venerable Guard — Hrorek Wolfson  
Outlands Royal Menagerie — Maliq (the dog belonging to Duchess Elisheva)  
Outlands Royal Menagerie — Cagey (A dog belonging to Sir Stefan)

The following awards were given by the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran on Saturday, December 18th, at al-Barran Midwinter:

Scorpion of al-Barran — Monika von Zell  
Scorpion of al-Barran — Jayne Barber  
Scorpion of al-Barran — Dubheasa Eachinse  
Desert Fawn — Obsidian Shaw

The following awards were given by the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran on Sunday, December 19th, at al-Barran War Practice:

Heart of the Scorpion — Gunwaldt Gullbjørn  
Hammer of al-Barran — Slaine inghean Uí Sheanain

Congratulations to all!

Baronial court at War Practice was conducted by Tancred d'Avignon. My thanks to him for the service and my apologies for the short notice. I was once again assisted in court at al-Barran Midwinter by Aethelwulf of Golias who read the scrolls aloud for me.

I now have a total of three deputies: Geoffrey fitz Robert, Ceolwen aet Axanbryce, and Murchadh mac Diarmada. None of them have yet chosen to specialize in any particular area or taken over any of the specific duties of the Scorpion office. When and if they do, they will have contact information listed on the inside cover of the Shaft. For now, I am simply pleased to have their enthusiasm and willingness to learn and help at hand.

At Baronial A&S I spent the day manning a heraldry consultation table. It kept me busy from the moment it opened.

At al-Barran Midwinter, Geoffrey fitz Robert manned the heraldry consultation table all day by himself. Huzzah!

The two Letters of Acceptance and Return from the Laurel office received since my last report to the Shaft were from the Laurel meetings held in May and June 2004. The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in May 2004.

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Charles Robert Blackstone — Badge — (Fieldless) A cross raguly coupé gyronny sable and Or.

Geoffrey fitz Robert — Badge — (Fieldless) A compass star quarterly azure and gules.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in June 2004:

Geoffrey fitz Robert — Release of alternate name Marcus Atticus Neapolitanus.

Tancred d'Avignon — Name and device. Sable, a ram's head cabossed between in pale two fleur-de-lys Or.

There were no returns from al-Barran submission on the May or June LoARs.

Congratulations to all whose names and devices have been registered!

In Service,

*THL Pendar the Bard*

## FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHALL

To Arms! To Arms! al-Barran to ARMS!!!

Al-Barran, your Baron calls to You! The time has come for You to defend our Homeland from the Armies of Atenveldt and Caid. Every able bodies WARRIOR is NEEDED! Glory whispers Your name on the wind, answer that whisper with a hearty shout "WE ARE AL-BARRAN! FACE US AND PERISH!!!!"

Familiarize yourself with the treaty and the different scenarios, so you are prepared. I look forward to fighting along side each and every one of you! We have less than 8 weeks to prepare to meet this challenge. Let us stand mighty on the field so ALL will know the name AL-BARRAN!!!!

*Lord Badai Altai*

## FROM THE BARONIAL SCRIBE

Greetings from the Scriptorium of al-Barran!

It has been a pleasure working with the scribes of al-Barran the last seven months and herewith follows my year-end report. Their Excellencies, Ryan and Tana, recognized and rewarded at Midwinter the 11 scribes who have worked on baronial scrolls in that time. These include: Master Balthazar, Lady Bronwen Blackwell, Mistress Cailte Catchairn, THL Dubhaisa Eachinse, Lady Eleanor Dreamweaver, Baroness Fermina de Caballo, Lord Llywus ap Alan, THL Margherita de Flore, Lord Michael McQuillin, Mistress Monika von Zell, and Lady Ymanya Murray.

Many of the above worked on scrolls for the awards at Midwinter. Kingdom level scrolls were completed by: Eleanor Dreamweaver, Llywus ap Alan, Bronwyn Blackwell, Michael von Backnang, Michael McQuillin, Monika von Zell, and Ymanya Murray. Scrolls for baronial awards were created by: Fermina, Dubhaisa, Eleanor, Llywus, Michael, Monika, and Ymanya. Every award at Midwinter received a scroll, and in addition, two backscrolls were completed by THL Charles and Lady Danica. This brings our active roster of baronial scribes to 14 at year's end. We are looking forward to continue serving kingdom and barony with our art in the new year!

Yours in Service,

*Monika von Zell*

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

### Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

### Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

### Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Samuel 891-3821.*

### Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at [archery@al-barran.org](mailto:archery@al-barran.org)*

### Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

### Newcomers Household

Newcomer's for will meet at 5912 Aspen NE (SW corner of Aspen and San Pedro) to view *The Lion in Winter*. THL Delia has graciously invited us into her home with a BIG screen TV for this month's meeting. Questions? *Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or [dchssheva@aol.com](mailto:dchssheva@aol.com)*

### Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*



## JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|    |                                        |
|----|----------------------------------------|
| 1  | <i>New Year's Day</i>                  |
| 8  | CAERTHEN 12TH NIGHT <i>Caerthe</i>     |
| 10 | <i>New Moon</i>                        |
| 15 | CITADEL 12TH NIGHT <i>Citadel</i>      |
| 17 | <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>          |
| 22 | SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE <i>St Golias</i> |
| 25 | <i>Full Moon</i>                       |

The Gaulish Calendrical Tablet, the Coligny Calendar, the month of December-January is called Riuros or 'The Cold Time', When the ice bites deep.

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Monday                             | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday                           | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Regular Activities listings</u><br>Pages 11&14 have more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S opportunities. Please contact Lady Barbara about Court Dancing practice. |                                    |                                          |                                     |          |        | 1<br>Archery &<br>Westside<br>Fighter<br>Practices  |
| 2<br>-Fighter &<br>Rapier Practice                                                                                                                                                                              | 3<br>Gammer<br>Gurton's Needle     | 4                                        | 5<br>Blaiddwyn Fighter<br>Practice  | 6        | 7      | 8<br>Archery                                        |
| 9<br>-Fighter &<br>Rapier Practice                                                                                                                                                                              | 10<br>Gammer<br>Gurton's Needle    | 11<br>Newcomer's<br>Household<br>Meeting | 12<br>Blaiddwyn Fighter<br>Practice | 13       | 14     | 15<br>Archery &<br>Westside<br>Fighter<br>Practices |
| 16<br>-Fighter &<br>Rapier Practice                                                                                                                                                                             | 17<br>Gammer<br>Gurton's Needle    | 18<br>CITIZEN S<br>MEETING               | 19<br>Blaiddwyn Fighter<br>Practice | 20       | 21     | 22                                                  |
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## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Court Dance Practice** We have a new site for court dance practice during the winter (at least through February) which is very close to fighter practice park. (See pg 23 for directions.) For further court dancing information, please contact Lady Barbara at krega@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join the free alBarranMusic\_Dance discussion list at <http://www.yahoogroups.com>.

### **Scorpion Scales, music group**

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: [http://www.geocities.com/shiao\\_mel17/sscales.html](http://www.geocities.com/shiao_mel17/sscales.html) to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm, at Lady Melody's house. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

### **Gammer Gurton's Needle**

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the page 21. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

### **Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops**

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

### **al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team**

This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans, and important information for youth and parents. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to [www.yahoogroups.com](http://www.yahoogroups.com) and join the al-Barran\_Youth\_and\_Parents list. For further information, please contact the Youth Information Contact Person, Lady Barbara at krega@aps.edu or 293-7453 and see the article elsewhere in this Shaft.

### **Blaidwyn Project Conclave**

Come and join Blaidwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaidwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emery de Fittun 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

## FROM THE REEVE

Good Tidings and Salutations,

The class I taught at A Day of A & S went well... I have taught two classes since then on how to run Gate effectively, and how some forms have changed within the last year. These classes are to help interested individuals know and understand the changes...and Autocrating/Gate Coordinating made easier!

I have some exciting news for the Office of Reeve...

- The Seneschals have approved the NEW Gate Sign-In Sheet at both the Baronial and Kingdom levels!!!
- I would like to welcome into the Office of Reeve two individuals that have volunteered to be Gate Coordinator Deputies...
  - Katrine — who did a wonderful job at Midwinter as Gate Coordinator
  - Natasha — who will be helping with Grand Outlandish and summer events as my Gate Coordinator Deputy & teaching classes on Gate

Have you checked out the al-Barran website? The Office of Reeve has a page! Click on Officers...click on REEVE... and it will take you to the Reeve page where the Autocrat checklist and all of the forms to run Gate are located! Check it out!!!

Contact myself, or my deputies, via email for questions on forms, or to obtain an Autocrat Forms Packet necessary to autocrat and prepare for an event.

There are two deputy positions available:

General Duties Deputy — Helps Event Paperwork or Gate Coordinator Deputies (*interested candidates should have basic bookkeeping and spreadsheet experience, and reliable transportation*)

Reeve Deputy — Replacement Trainee (*Recommended Requirements — have Accounting or Business Admin degree with a minimum of 2 years experience, will be trained for 6 months prior to taking over Office of Reeve, and have reliable transportation*)

If you or someone you know is interested in filling these positions, please contact me at: reeve@al-Barran.org or 242-6735 (no calls after 9:30pm).

In Service to the Dream,

*THL Agiarn Aljin*



## MIDWINTER THANK Yous

Greetings,

Another Midwinter has come and gone. It was a grand time. But events like this do not succeed based upon the work of those coordinating it. The success comes from above, and from below, from TE Ryand and Tana and the Seneschal, Master James David, and from those good gentles whose hard work supported our vision. If you enjoyed the day, it is because of the work of these good volunteers as well as ours. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful support staff and all those who helped.

Thanks go out to: Lord Michael McQuillin and Lord Brennan MacDuffie, Deputy Autocrat and Aide de Camp respectively, for adding two more sets of legs and hands to make the process go smoothly; Lord Sean, the coffee-meister; Lady Barbara for coordinating entertainment; Katrine for coordinating the Gate and all of her happy little trolls who worked gate; Lady Emer for dressing the hospitality rooms; Master Tomas Frazier for coordinating the decorating; Lady Sile for bread baking; Mistress Richenza for baking those delicious trenchers; Elleen and Troy for the salmon donation; THL Margherita for the invitations; THL Cristobal for coordinating servers and of course the servers themselves; Lord Badai for coordinating war practice; THL Aigiarn for being all around touchstone in matters monetary; Lord Tancred for organizing and leading the caroling; Mistress Monika and her dessert bakers — Mistress Joella, Duchess Leah, Sheik Omar, Lady Gytha, Troy and others; Lady Shoshonna for the Middle Eastern Dessert presentation and all those involved; Scorpion's Scales, Elia, Marcus and Beau for musical interludes; THL Gonner for gaming in the bar; Lady Melody for the best Midwinter site ever; Lord Y for this-n-that; Haven Avare for decorating; the Gypsies for set-up; the Fencers and Pyrates for tear-down and cleanup; Lord Morgan for kitchen cleanup; Mistress Bennett for making period games for thank yous; the Court Dancers, Cornelius, Petronella, and "Sam" and everyone who entertained in any way.

Special thanks go out to the best and happiest kitchen crew in the kingdom: THL Aisha bint Asad, deputy feast steward and all around wacky assistant; Lady Ceridwen, Lady Dalia, Lady Cerelle, Lady Thalaurlana, Lord Bjorn (Bear), Lord Kassar, Lord Rab, Aki (and friends), the pre-cooks, THL Aisha, Lady Ceridwen and Terry; the night before dishwashers, Lady Lyneya and the other member of Scorpion Scales whose name escapes me at the moment. (*Ed Note. This was Lady Bianca*)

Finally, thanks go out to the real heroes of the day, the scullery crew: Donall, Bjorn, Edgar, AJ, Astaria.

Many of these good people did double duty, stepping in to lend a hand peeling apples or washing dishes, or tearing down decorations. We appreciate it greatly. If we have forgotten your name, please know we remember your face and the help you gave. You were a great crew to work with and we could not have done it without you. The only downfall is that you were all so great, we might just touch you again in five or so years.....

With gratitude,  
Connor and Cailte

## MID-WINTER ENTERTAINMENT THANK YOU'S

A very special thank you to all of our entertainers at Mid-Winter. Special thanks to Lady Melody, Lady Bianca, Lady Lyneya, and Obsidian Shaw of Scorpion's Scales for the lovely music they played during the feast and for the dancing that evening. A special thank you to the al-Barran Court Dancers — Lady Melody, Lord Y, Lord Canus, Lady Thalaurlana, Lady Lyneya, Lady Bianca, Haniya, THL Cristobal, Mara (12), Ivanna (13), and Lady Barbara for their lovely dance performances and to Obsidian Shaw for running the sound. Thanks also to new dancers, Renee, Maria, and Bethany (12), who also performed with the dance troupe. Special thanks also to the musicians of Sadaka, for their beautiful middle eastern music — Lady Elia, Mistress Beau, Sir Marcus, Lady Leila, Sir James of Caerthe, Mistress Rianwen, and Master Sylvanus — and to all the middle eastern dancers who danced, including Lady Shoshonna, Duchess Aziza, Baroness Fermina, Mistress Beau, THL Dubheasa, and Spirit. Special thanks also to Lord Tancred and his many, many carolers who sang Christmas songs for us and to the other featured singers: THL Pendar, Lord Tancred, Cornelius, Aki (12), Lady Petronella, and Alicia.

Lady Jayne Barber

## MIDWINTER THANK YOU'S FOR THE DESSERTS

Thanks to all who helped me make over 1,000 sweets for the dessert sideboard at Midwinter. If you enjoyed the desserts please thank: Duchess Leah, Lady Gytha, m'lord Todd (he has an SCA name now but I don't know what it is) from out barony, and Mistress Joella and Lord Omar from the Citadel.

There was also an anonymous donation of thin, delicious almond cookies (please let me know who made these). This is also a reminder that there will be a dessert competition at Citadel 12th Night on January 15th.

Hope to see you there,

*Monika von Zell*

## A DAY OF A AND S THANK YOU AND LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

A special thank you to Lady Emery de Fittun, who helped at the gate. The following items were left at the al-Barran Day of A&S (Nov 20th): brown ceramic mug with a light green & light brown band; lime green & black plastic coffee mug; light blue fabric fan; one serrated edged knife with tan handle; one book—Design for Holbein Embroidery; a zip-lock back of wood pieces. Please contact me at kreg@aps.edu or 293-7453, so that I can get these items returned to you.

*Lady Jayne Barber*

## AL-BARRAN YOUTH, PARENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS TEAM

The al-Barran Youth, Parents, and Volunteers Team will be making pouches to give to the children of al-Barran to wear at events. If you would be willing to help with the sewing of these pouches, please contact Lady Barbara at [kreges@aps.edu](mailto:kreges@aps.edu) or home phone 293-7453.

Lady Roma is gathering information for our future website for information for al-Barran youth and parents. We need someone to donate a website for at least a year, which will then be linked to the al-Barran website. If you can donate a website or you have articles or information that would be useful to parents and youth, please contact Lady Roma at [Roma1358@hotmail.com](mailto:Roma1358@hotmail.com). A special thank you to Lady Kira for the youth activities she ran at Mid-Winter.

There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents, and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, where we post important information concerning the youth and also team meeting information and projects, please go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) and search for the group al-Barran\_Youth\_and\_Parents. There will be lots of activities for youth who are going to Estrella War in February, outside of Phoenix, AZ. For a look at youth activities, go to <http://www.estrellawar.org/youth.html>. Youth, age 17 and under, who are attending Estrella War, with someone other than their parent or legal guardian, must have special forms signed in advance by their parent or legal guardian, one of which must be notarized. A full explanation of the forms required for bringing any child to Estrella War can be found at <http://www.estrellawar.org/youthforms.html>. If you have a youth attending Estrella War, please let me know as soon as possible, as we have a special event for them.

Yours in service to the dream,  
Lady Barbara, Youth Information Contact Person



## NEWCOMERS HOUSEHOLD

December Newcomer's meeting is on the 14th. Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Aspen Behavioral Health, 3810 Osuna NE, Suite 1, Albuquerque. If you have any questions please contact Duchess Elisheva at 872-2711.

### **Coming from South Albuquerque:**

Take Exit 230 from I-25, which is the San Mateo-Osuna Exit. Turn LEFT onto Osuna. You will be going WEST on Osuna. See below for proceeding West on Osuna.

### **Coming from North of Albuquerque:**

Take Exit 231 from I-25, which is the Ellison-San Antonio-Osuna Exit. Merge right onto S. Pan American Freeway. Turn Right onto Osuna. You will be going WEST on Osuna. See below for proceeding West on Osuna.

### **Now go West on Osuna:**

The first cross street is Jefferson, the next is Washington. The next cross street is GULTON. Take a LEFT at GULTON. Make an immediate RIGHT (between two empty lots). This street has no name. Straight ahead will be two one-story brick buildings with small turquoise roofs. Aspen is located in the building on your left. As you enter the building, Aspen is in Suite 1 on your left. Look for the signs in the window of the building and in the office. Hints: If you reach Chappell, a cross street to Osuna with a stoplight, you have gone too far west on Osuna. Turn around and now make a RIGHT on Gulton. Aspen is located West of Calvary Chapel and East of Sandia Prep, across the street from Granger, and west of the NM Education Foundation.

Please do not call the office for questions, please call Baroness Emma at 505-730-1967 or Duchess Elisheva at 505-872-2711.



## COURT DANCING

I wish to thank Lord Canus and Lord Rouland for helping me teach and lead dances at Mid-Winter after feast and court. I also wish to thank the musicians of Scorpion's Scales: Lady Melody, Lady Lyneya, Lady Bianca, and Obsidian Shaw for the lovely music they played for the dancing that evening. A special thank you to the members of the al-Barran Court Dancers for their lovely dance performances during the feast as part of the entertainment at Mid-Winter. Thank you Lady Melody, Lord Y, Lord Canus, Lady Thalaurliana, Lady Lyneya, Lady Bianca, Haniya, THL Cristobal, Marra (12), Ivanna (13), and to Obsidian Shaw for running our sound. Thanks also to the new dancers Renee, Maria, and Bethany, who also performed with us.

At Estrella War on Friday night, there will be a Court Dance Ball with dancing to live music in the Grand Pavillion. The Ball will have a number of dances that have either not been taught in al-Barran yet or are only taught at dance practices. So we are going to concentrate our efforts at dance practices in January and February to those dances. There will also be several court dance classes at Estrella War on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday as well as court dancing late Thursday night after the musicians finish practicing the dance music, and also Saturday and Sunday evenings after any courts, in the Grand Pavillion. We hope you will come and support the al-Barran Court Dancers at the Court Dancing Competition for the A&S War Point on Saturday afternoon at Estrella in the Grand Pavillion.

Thanks to Renee we have a new site for court dance practice during the winter (at least through February), which is very close to fighter practice park. We will be meeting at the Monte Vista Christian Church at 3501 Campus Blvd NE, 12:30-2:30 on Sundays, January 9 & 16 and February 6 & 27. Our focus at these dance practices will be learning new dances for Estrella War dancing. The room we are practicing in, is in the main church basement and there is an outside staircase leading directly to this room to the right of the main church entrance off of the parking lot. To get to the church, go south on Carlisle, turn west on Campus Blvd. The church is on the right. The sheet music for the ball dances and links to dance instructions for each of the dances are available at the following website: <http://home.comcast.net/~stephanie.maynard/>. Here is an excellent opportunity to add to your dance music and dance instruction libraries.

If you want to know more about dance practices, you can join the al-Barran Musicians and Court Dancers Discussion list, or contact Lady Barbara at email: [krege@aps.edu](mailto:krege@aps.edu) or phone 293-7453. The discussion list will give you the latest information concerning court dancing practices and Scorpion's Scales music practices in al-Barran. Just go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) and search for alBarranMusic\_Dance and join this free discussion list.

Yours in service to the dream,

*Lady Barbara*

### AL-BARRAN YOUTH AND PARENTS WEBSITE SPACE NEEDED

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# SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE

College of St. Golia's

January 22, AS XXXIX (2005)

Athletic Field, NM Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, NM

Site Fee: \$5 at the door

Site opens: 9 am; Site closes: 5 pm

The College of St Golia's is honored to host Southern War Practice. Come practice for battle at Estrella War. Lunch will be served.

Autocrat: Tatiana Travina (Roxanne Price), [bonsai\\_baer@rocketmail.com](mailto:bonsai_baer@rocketmail.com)



## ESTRELLA WAR

Kingdom of Atenveldt

February 16-21, 2005

It's been a lovely summer and fall, but now it's December. What are you waiting for? Prepare for WAR! Here's some information on A&S, treaty, and the website.

The Categories for Arts and Sciences at Estrella War are:

- European Dance— (see the court dance article for info on this)
- Storage Containers in any media (*no clothing accessories*)
- Archery equipment

For those who wish to peruse it, the Estrella War Treaty is located at:

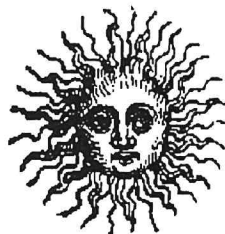
<http://www.estrellawar.org/treaty.html>

Al-Barran is still in need of Estrella War coordinators, please contact the seneschal or Their Excellencies about being a coordinator.

Estrella War website: <http://www.estrellawar.org/>

Pre-registration forms are on the Estrella website. You may still pre-register for Estrella War with a money order but your pre-registration must be Postmarked by December 15th 2004!

WAR!!





Duke Artan gets Desperate



## GAMMER GURTON'S NEEDLE

For the location of Gammer Gurton's Needle Monday meetings for December, you will need to contact Rosamond or Delia. This month is finishing up the Midwinter project and taking a break, in January we will start up with needle lace.

Gammer Gurton's is a special interest group interested in the study and applications of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques.

**Contacts:** Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@abqbooks.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com .

**Website:** <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

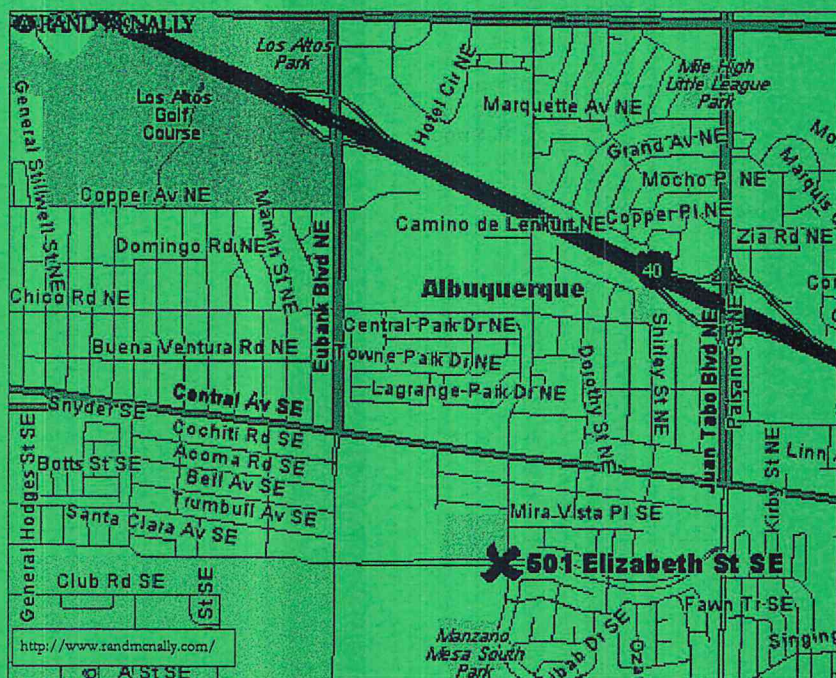
*"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure"* -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

## CITIZEN'S MEETING

The Citizen's Meeting has moved! The NEW LOCATION is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. There will be a Citizen's meeting on January 21st. The citizen's meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

### **Driving Directions:**

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue onto Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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al-Barran's website: <http://www.al-barran.org> Oudands' website: <http://www.oudands.org>

Blaidwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html> SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>

#### Discussion Lists

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